

**Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body**  
Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –**  
***Governor’s Forest Health Council***

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**February 11, 2010**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**County Supervisors Association Building**  
**1905 W. Washington Street, Suite 100**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**Minutes**

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**Meeting Objective:** To review and discuss the Statewide Assessment, to discuss the 4-Forest Restoration Initiative, to review and discuss the January Forest Health Council meeting including next steps, discuss a landscape protocol for visiting other landscapes, recap the Secretary Vilsack and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick visit, and discuss distribution of land use paper.

**1) Call to Order ~ 9:07a.m.**

*Ethan A., Don B., Brenda B., Bruce Greco for Wally C., Cam H. for Vicki C., Steve G., Tom K., Molly P., Todd S., Rob S., Ron W.*

**2) Approval of Minutes from the November FHC meeting ~ Approved**

**3) Summary of Council Business Since Last FHC Meeting ~ General**

- Ethan A.: Discussed call with Vicki C. regarding the Renewable Energy Summit
- A meeting w/Mike Anable has been set-up to discuss WGA
- Brenda B.: President’s Forest Landscape Restoration Fund
  - Proposed that a letter from Council be sent to the Governor recommending funding for this-- all agreed.
  - Cam/Vicki to draft letter.
  - On agenda for next meeting to see copy of letter sent— Council agreed there is no need to review this letter prior to sending to Governor.

**4) State Forestry Division~ Steve Gatewood and Glen Buettner**

**Assessment Project Status**

- Preliminary draft sent prior to this FHC meeting for review, need comments on this by 3/3

- Purpose of sending out to council is to:
  - See where we are going- is it the right direction
  - Edit and compile comments before next meeting
  - Only FHC comments at this time, this will not send out for outside input until next version in March
- Online Survey- AZ Game & Fish
  - Simplified results shared
  - Climate Change lowest rated of issues on survey
  - Need more feedback on fire
- Smaller Workgroup to be convened for Strategy Phase
  - Due to the smaller group in attendance at today's meeting, hard to get response- would like 3-4 from Council- an email will be sent asking for volunteers
  - Goal of group is editing & providing content for strategic direction
  - This group will likely communicate via email/phone-- try to avoid travel to meetings
  - Foundation is to impact how money is allocated in each state and to make sure it is going to priorities identified.
  - FHC can have input as to who approves this
  - Perfect situation would like endorsement by all when submitted to Dept. of Agriculture
  - Anticipated to be living document
  - Bring issues to Council in May
  - Key issue: Need priorities identified which was not outlined in Statewide Strategy

### **State Forestry General ~ Cam Hunter**

- Handout outline review Business Summit of the West on Renewable Energy
- Handout copy of EO: Solar Advisory Task Force
- Handout copy of EO: Renewable Energy Summit
- 2 Fireworks bills in Legislation
  - Fireworks co's trying to make it more appealing offering up sales tax incentives
- Council suggested Cam talk to Darrel W. on how to fight bills

### **5) Update regarding the Four Forests Restoration Initiative ~ FFRI Participants**

- Cam noted that it appears Sec. Vilsack seemed engaged per meeting and encouraged by interest and suggestions
- Moving forward:
  - Continued tracking of this effort w/1x monthly meetings
  - Changing of facilitators sponsored by Udall Center
  - Working through bulk to create charter
  - Steering committee formed

- Close to having a charter—identifying how FFRI is structured and what its relationship is to the US Forest Service
- Critical issue still exists regarding Diameter Cap on Trees also known as Large Tree Retention

6) **Recap of January FHC Meeting and Sky Islands Visit & Proposal for More Systematic Approach to Future Landscape Visits** ~ Ethan Aumack & Wally Covington

- Tucson Meeting Participants asked for the following per Brenda B.:
  1. Use of Website
  2. Help in battling jurisdiction boundaries in fire

Comment: Educational visits are great but landscapes really need to understand how FHC can help--important to note that FHC also has to communicate out to landscapes what we can do/and have done

Molly P: Suggested FHC Presentation when there are the landscape visits- what we can do | what we have done. Also, “Lessons Learned Workshop for State” concept presented

- Landscape Visit *Suggested* Protocol, Objectives, Processes for Council’s review & adaptation when agreed upon:
  - 1.) Provide Ongoing Survey of Existing Work Going on Across the State
  - 2.) Share Lessons Learned- Serve as a Bridge
  - 3.) Provide a Living/Adaptable Repository thru Statewide Strategy—capturing in there Adaptable Living Documents
  - 4.) Identify Restoration Landscapes that FHC at State Level Can Address

**Process to include:**

- Develop Systematic Scheduling
  - Visit/host meeting every (2) years in landscape
- Organize Discussion every (2) years at FHC meeting based on needs/tracking
- Provide formal feed back to local stakeholders again proposed on 2 year time frequency
- Set of expectation so to provide input on regular basis
- Distribute survey to landscape to key stakeholders to provide input, challenges, needs, opportunities within these landscapes
- Incorporate feedback thru council working groups into revised statewide strategy doc frequency again suggested 2 years.
- Posting on website and distribution to landscapes
- Visit reports to identify key FHC projects | priorities for focus
- Clarification on each landscape proposed every 2 years
- Considerations in Developing Outreach and Offering FHC Support:
  - ✓ **Capacity Issues**
  - ✓ **Commitments**
  - ✓ **Expectations**
  - ✓ **Scorecard**

7) **Recap of Secretary Vilsack and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick Visit~**

Noted it was a good visit and Cam noted encouragement for her appeared interest and support.

8) **Other~**

- Council has been invited to Wildfire Academy  
Molly P. to get more details and distribute
- Suggestion for a March discussion on Fire Season this year
- Talk of Wildland & Fire Awareness Week main focus is to:
  - a.) Educating public on burns
  - b.) Educating on smoke
- Pilot Program from Ventura Co, California being discussed: Getting fire dept's to go into community's to educate- 4 locations are under consideration in Arizona
  - Ready:** Firewise
  - Set:** Emergency Kits, Place to Go
  - Go:** Go before evacuation is executed

9) **Discussion Regarding Distribution of and Outreach Regarding "Living with Fire" Paper**

- Tabled discussion until March
- Paper is ready need a few last minute photos before printing- will provide list that is needed

10) **Meeting Schedule and Locations~**

- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – County Supervisors Association Building (Phoenix)
- April – No Meeting

11) **Call to Public~** *Comment – Pascal Berlioux*

Mr. Berlioux encouraged other constituents to become involved in FFRI – might need to refocus to get moving from this impasse in order to move forward. He feels the work of the Council has created heightened awareness & political expectations for the Forest Service to do something and pressure on the Forest Service will increase. Mr. Berlioux is confused between concept of motion and outcome: lots of motion—weak on outcome. Asked for notes to clearly reflect impasse they face with the diameter cap/large tree retention issue.

12) **Meeting Adjourned~** 11:35a.m.

*Dated this February 25, 2010*  
*Governor's Forest Health Council*  
<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

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**CO-CHAIRS**

Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust  
Molly Pitts – Northern Arizona Wood Products Association